

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier adapted to receive a folded umbrella comprising:

~~and provided with attachment means for removably securing it~~ said umbrella carrier to an article of luggage; and

~~which includes a holster-like perforated support element connected to said attachment means and having openings in sidewalls thereof wherein said openings which~~ are closed internally by a water repellent porous fabric.

2. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 1 ~~in which~~ wherein the perforated support element is provided as a substantially cylindrical tube.

3. (original) An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 in which the perforated support element is lined with water repellent porous fabric in the form of a sleeve.

4. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 or claim 2 in which wherein said perforated support element is made from a synthetic plastics material.

5. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, ~~claim 2 or claim 3 in which~~ wherein said perforated support element is made from metal.

6. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims in which~~ claim 1 wherein the attachment means is adapted to engage a carrying handle or strap on the article of luggage with which it is to be used.

7. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims in which~~ claim 1 wherein the attachment means includes attachable clips.

8. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims in which~~ claim 1 wherein the attachment means includes a pair of hooks which can be resiliently adjusted to engage the luggage.

9. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims in which~~claim 1 wherein the perforated support element is formed as an open mesh or lattice.

10. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in ~~any one of preceding claims 1 to 9 in which~~claim 1 wherein the perforated support element is flexible and its general cross-section is restrictive in relation to the cross-section of the umbrella with which it is to be used so that the support element resiliently deforms slightly when the umbrella is inserted and acts to retain it in place.

11. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in ~~claim 11 in which~~claim 1 wherein the cross-section of the perforated support element is slightly oval.

12. (currently amended) An umbrella carrier as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims 1 to 9 in which~~claim 1 wherein the perforated support element is split along its length to provide an opening, and including means for adjusting the cross-sectional diameter of the support element to accommodate umbrellas of different sizes.

13. (original) An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 11 in which the means for adjusting the cross-sectional diameter of the support element is provided by the inherent resilience of the material from which it is made.

14. (original) An umbrella carrier as claimed in claim 13 including retaining means for holding the adjusted support element in position.